

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



# Marshall Space Flight Center

## Powering the Future of Science and Exploration

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# **NASA's Strategic Goals**

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**Retire the SHUTTLE by 2010**

**Complete the INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

**Return to THE MOON by 2020**

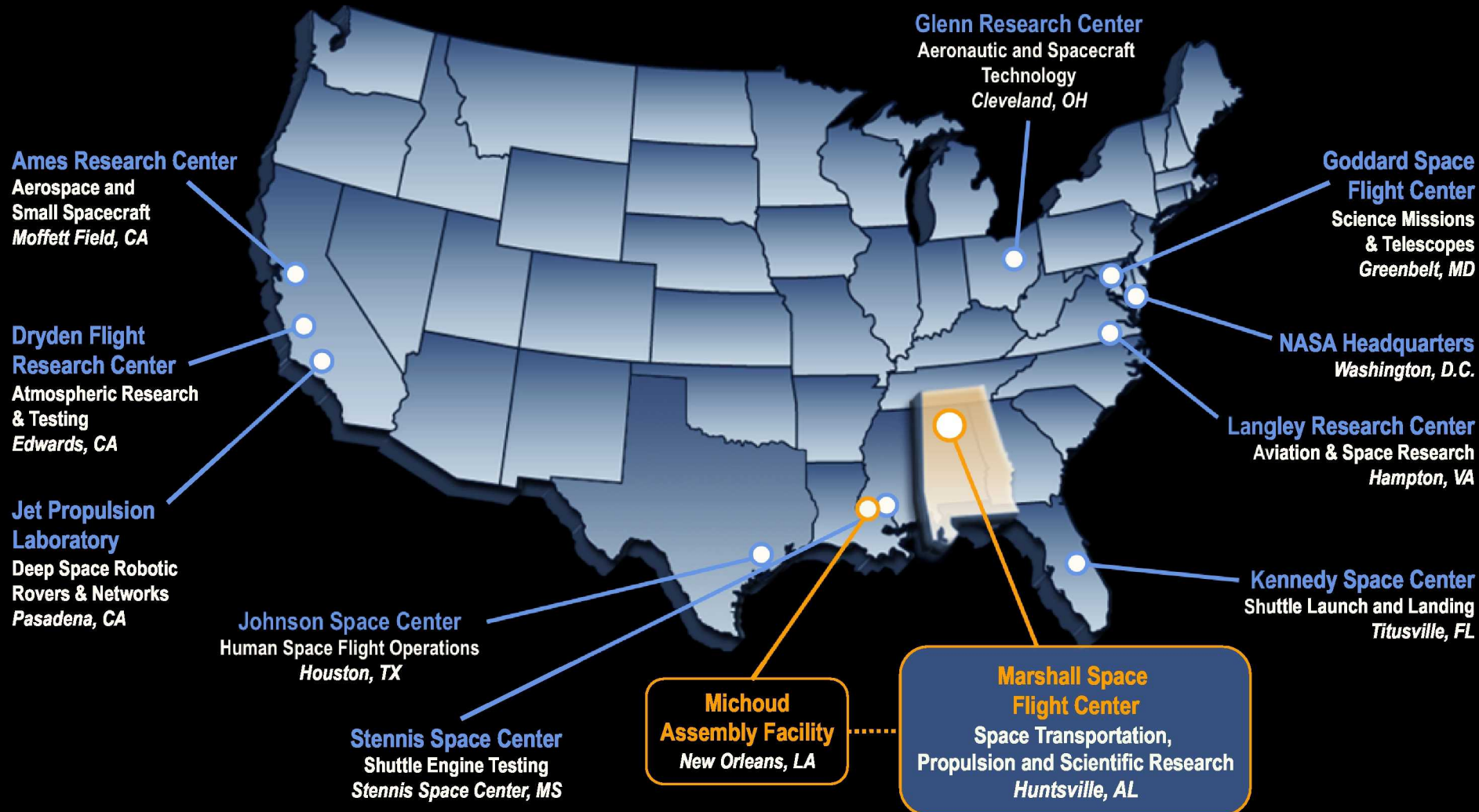
**Carry out MISSIONS of SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY**

**Advance U.S. TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP**

**Pursue PARTNERSHIPS with commercial space sector**

**Provide critical capabilities to SUPPORT NASA's MISSION**

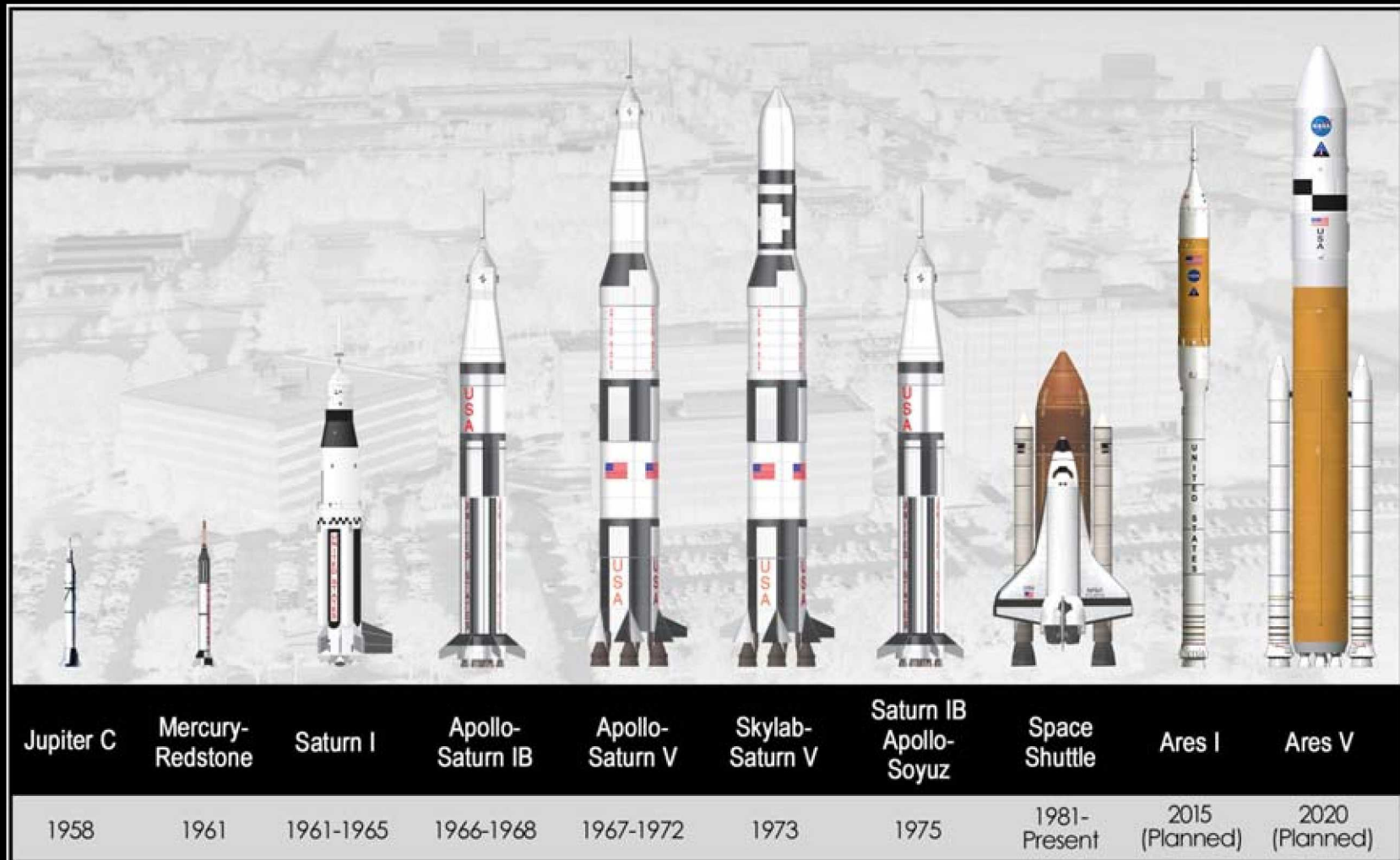
# NASA Around the Country



**Marshall Is a Space Transportation and Science Center**



# Marshall's History



***Delivering Space Transportation Solutions for 50 Years***

# Marshall's Missions

Earth and Space Science  
Spacecraft, Systems, and  
Operations

Life Support Systems

Propulsion and  
Transportation  
Systems

*Making Possible Human and Scientific Space Exploration*



# Marshall Statistics: From Exploration to Opportunity



**\$2.6 billion**

budget in fiscal year 2008



**6<sup>th</sup> largest**

employer in the Huntsville -  
Madison county area



**> 7,600**

employees at Marshall  
(2,634 civil service employees  
in fiscal year 2008)



**4.5 million**

square feet of space  
in Huntsville



**\$1 billion**

impact to Alabama economy



**2.2 million**

square feet of manufacturing  
space at Michoud Assembly  
Facility in New Orleans

***Providing an Economic Engine based on Science and Technology***

# Propulsion and Transportation Systems

## Shuttle Propulsion Sustaining Engineering

Main engines, external tank, solid rocket boosters

Transitioning to Ares/Orion for missions beyond Earth orbit

Best of Saturn and Shuttle technology used to develop future vehicles

## Ares Design and Development

Successor to Shuttle for routine space access

Part of NASA's Constellation Program

First test flight is scheduled for 2009

***Building and Sustaining Rockets, from Saturn to Shuttle to Ares***



# Life Support Systems

## Current Work

- Producing clean air and recycling water
- Providing around-the-clock science operations support
- Making science experimentation possible in space

## Future Work

- Exploration life support systems
- Radiation hardened electronics
- Altair Lunar Lander systems
- Lunar resources utilization



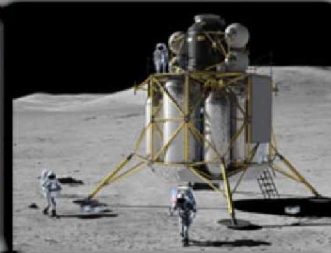
**Payload  
Operations Center**



**Lunar Resources**



**Environmental  
Control & Life Support**



**Altair Lunar  
Lander**



**Working in Space**

***Pioneering Technologies for Living and Working on the New Frontier***



# Earth Science

## Environmental Monitoring

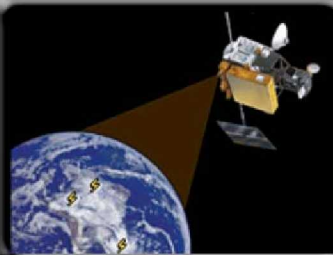
- Understanding climate change and weather patterns

## Weather Prediction

- Improving forecasts and weather warning times

## Hurricane Research

- Predicting the intensity and dynamics of storms



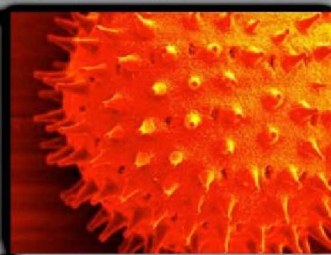
Global Hydrology & Climate Center



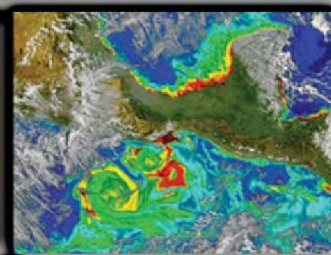
HIRAD



SPoRT



Environmental Monitoring



SERVIR



***Understanding Our Planet to Improve Safety and Save Lives***

# Space Science

## Preparing for human return to the Moon

- Robotic missions to search for water ice and gather data
- Program office at Marshall

## Learning about our solar system

- Spacecraft to analyze the inner workings of the sun, planets, comets and asteroids
- Program management and instrument development

## Learning about our universe

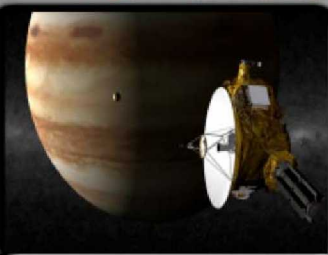
- Scientific instruments to reveal information about activity in deep space
- Management, design and construction



LCROSS



Hinode



Discovery/  
New Frontiers



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JWST/  
Marshall XRCF

*Gaining Knowledge about the Moon, Solar System, and Universe*



# NASA Innovation Creates New Jobs, Markets, and Technologies

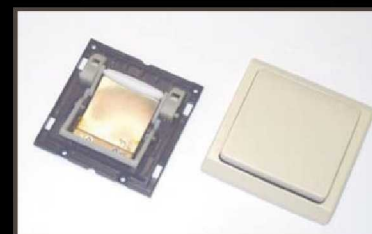
- **Personal Health**

- Eye tracker for LASIK surgery
- Breast biopsy system



- **Consumer Products**

- Wireless light switch
- Remote appliance programmer
- Global Positioning Systems (GPSs)



- **Environmental**

- Water Filtration system
- Environmentally friendly
- Chemical cleanup



- **Security**

- Stair-climbing tactical robot
- Crime scene video enhancement



For more information see <http://technology.jsc.nasa.gov>

***Every Dollar Invested in Space is Spent on Earth***

# NASA Inspires Future Generations of Explorers

- **The Great Moonbuggy Race**
  - 75 student teams from around the world
  - More than 500 high school, college, and university students
  - Designed and raced their rovers on a simulated Moon-scape
- **NASA Student Launch Initiative**
  - 450 middle and high school students participated in 2009
  - Built and flew reusable rockets to 1-mile high with a science payload
- **Students need motivating goals and teachers with information to share**
- **NASA continues to develop educational tools and experiences that inspire, educate, and motivate**
- **Space exploration offers new economic opportunities through technology and resource development**

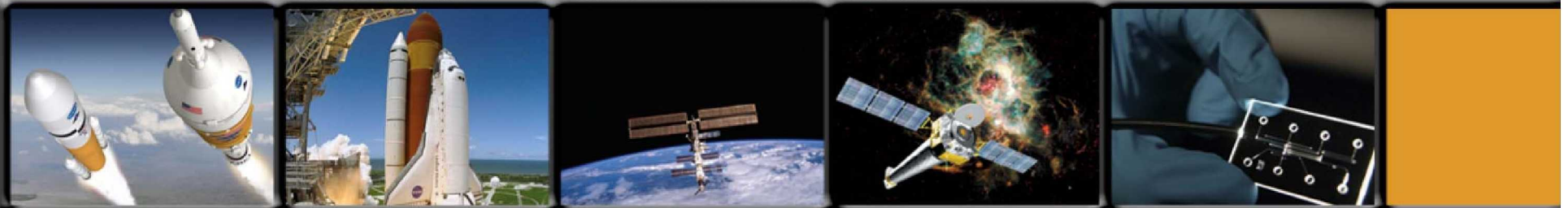


***Learning through Teamwork***

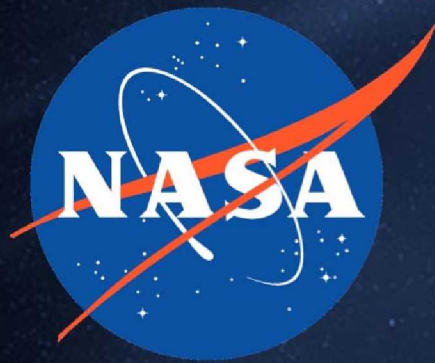


# Why Explore?

**International Collaboration**  
**Technological advancement**  
**Scientific discovery**  
**Economic opportunity**  
**National security**



***Bringing the Benefits of Space Exploration down to Earth***



***For more information***

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